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CUT AND DRIED

Secretary Lamont has paid another

visit to New York. Although he

saw many politicians while he was here,

and although we are on the eve of a

State Convention, the Secretary dis-

claimed any interest in the Saratoga

gathering other than that felt by a good

Democrat in the wise action and success

of his party.

Indeed, it would be a waste of time

and energy to seek to influence in any

manner the action of the Democratic

Convention. The bosses have decided

what shall be done, and who is to run,

and the followers have only to endorse

and confirm their decrees. There have

been some "contests," as they are

called, in various districts. In one,

State Treasurer Danforth has been set

back and badly beaten by the Democracy,

but what follows? He will be ad-

mitted to the State Convention and will

sit among the faithful.

This cut-and-dried preparation of the

business of a Convention may save

trouble. But does it make the candi-

dates of the Convention strong with the

people? Would it not excite greater in-

terest in the ticket if the delegates from

various parts of the State had some-

thing to say about its constitution?

Especially, will a high judicial officer

be forced into nomination by the

iron will of less than half a dozen

leaders be more certain of success at

the ballot box than he would be if his

campaign was the result of the sense

and judgment of the Convention?

Judge Maynard is to be nominated

for the Court of Appeals, not by the

Convention, but by the bosses. There

is little doubt that he would be refused

the nomination if the choice was left

to the Convention, packed as it is. Will

this knowledge increase his chances of

election?

SWEETENING UP

The call for the resignation of three

assistant appraisers, Corbett, Goode and

Lewcraft, is the first definite result

of the investigation made by the Fair-

child Custom-House Committee. It

calls for the resignation of Corbett and

Lewcraft, and the resignation of Goode

is being urged. A thorough cleaning out of the Ap-

praisers' Department is needed in the

past four years the revenues of the Gov-

and the most exciting in the whole

forty years' history of the America's

Cup.

HERE AND THERE

Not long ago our coal barons and rail-

road magnates combined to restrict the

output of coal. A coal famine was con-

sidered the most certain method of forc-

ing up prices to an amount that would

satisfy the greed of the conspirators.

The "boom" was normally de-

stroyed after a sharp contest. But its

object was accomplished and its effect

remains.

Today, as cold weather approaches,

the price of coal goes up—up—up! By

stealthy advances of twenty-five cents

a ton the retail price has increased to

the consumer. As the frost pinches the toes

and fingers of the poor man, the coal

baron pinches his pocket. The excuse is

a short supply.

England also has her coal trouble. A

famine is threatened by the strike of

the miners for better pay.

Great Britain dreads a coal famine, be-

cause it would cripple their battleships

in case of sudden wars and check death

and devastation.

America dreads a scarcity of coal and

a rise in cost because of the suffering

and misery it inflicts on the poorer

people.

What a lesson this teaches of the dif-

ference in the condition of the two na-

tions.

With the opening of the courts to-day

comes the announcement that for the

first time in the history of the Supreme

Court in this State a woman appears as

counsel on the books, and the world ap-

plauds the mention of the name of Meta

L. Cowles. Simultaneously with this

announcement comes the news that an

other bright woman, Margaret Merri-

ton, has won the prize of \$500 in the

competition established by the National

Conservatory of Music for the best

libretto. Two such facts in the history

of woman's struggle for recognition out-

weigh a whole volume of argument on

woman's inferiority.

Says Lord Dunsany agent the great

yacht races which begin on Thursday

next: "Of course the object of my com-

ing to this country is well known, and if

I fail I will have no excuse to offer."

There goes the sportsman of true

blood, gamely confident on his own side,

but, unfortunately, he is not alone. He

demonstrates the superiority of the

other. If he fails he will need no ex-

cuse. Vigilant will cover that point.

"The World" wants a twenty-mile

race between a thoroughbred horse and

a bicyclist, and offers a handsome cup

to the winner. In case such a contest can

be arranged, it would be a most inter-

esting sporting event, and would bear

directly upon the mooted question

whether the present methods of race-

horse breeding are producing simply a

high-class of sprinters.

"Play the men in politics," was the

cry from Brooklyn pulpits yesterday

for a clergyman who has watched the pro-

cesses of city government going on in

New York's sister town across the

bridge. It is a good watchword for more

than Brooklyn. "Play the men in polit-

ics" everywhere. The mischief in gov-

ernment is wrought when politicians are

allowed to play upon men.

"Paris method may be adopted," for

cleaning New York's streets, that is. To

the public it doesn't make so much dif-

HILL IS TO CONTROL.

Machine Delegates to Have Pos-

session of the Convention.

Anti-Snappers May Not Seat Con-

testing Delegates.

Smith M. Weed Can Name His Local

Committeeman.

The round up preliminary to the Dem-

ocratic State Convention at Saratoga

last Thursday shows that the Hill forces

are as strong in their control of the

State machine as ever, and they will

have supreme sway in the convention.

The handful of Cleveland Democrats

or Anti-Snapper delegates who have

been, or claim to have been, elected, and

will contest the seating of Hill dele-

gates, would not cut much of a figure in

the convention, even if allowed to take

part in the proceedings. They will not

be accorded that privilege, it is said,

because if they were admitted some of

Senator Hill's most powerful lieutenants

would be humiliated.

Contested and uncontested, according

to the constitution, the delegates will

not number more than 80 or

out of the 24 who will be in the

convention. The Hill leaders are all

the more elated over their success be-

cause of their fight at the primaries in

the sixty counties of the State they

have had opposed to them some of the

most powerful and influential unlim-

ited patrons at their command.

Yet all the fourth-class post-offices that

are scattered over the State, and the

counties of future reward with offices con-

sidered as almost nothing against the pa-

trons of the Hill machine, and Tammany

in this city and elsewhere.

The Anti-Snappers made a good fight

last Thursday, and they will send

contesting delegations from Orange, Mon-

rovia, Chemung, Yates, Clinton, Essex,

Herkimer, Warren, Hamilton, Orleans,

Cattaraugus, Genesee, Wayne, Oswego,

Schenectady, Seneca, Steuben and possi-

bly Westchester.

There will probably be opposition in

the convention to the seating of the

Hill delegates, but the Hill men of the

State Committee, has always been a

strong force, and the Hill machine is

not likely to be defeated. Judge Her-

rick, candidate for State Committee-

man, is the only anti-Hill member on

the State Committee, and he will be

elected by both sides, from Al-

bany, but unless his presence is abso-

lutely necessary, he will not go to the

convention, and from present indica-

tions it seems probable that he will

not go. A tried and trusted man, a firm be-

liever in the doctrine "to the victor be-

lieve," he will not be a factor in the

convention. He will probably be in the

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TALK AMONG PLAYER FOLK.

A Voluminous Trained Nurse in

Search of an Easier Job.

"In Old Kentucky" the Next At-

traction at the Academy.

Aspirants for stage honors come from

all classes, but a woman who applied on

Saturday at Mrs. Fernandez's agency

certainly introduced a new calling to the

drama. She was exceedingly well-fitted

for the part, and she had probably spent fifty-

years in the study of the art. This un-

usual looking applicant

announced that she was a trained nurse,

and had followed that profession for

many years. "But I have grown tired

of it," she said with a flabby sigh. "The

work is very arduous, the hours are

very long and it is exceedingly mon-

otonous. Mrs. Fernandez, who looked

like a skittish little southerner by the side

of this colossal nurse, smiled. "What

are your qualifications?" she asked am-

bly. "Well," was the reply. "I know I

am not beautiful, but I can swear to the

possession of three very valuable qual-

ities. They are patience, perseverance

and intelligence." Mrs. Fernandez

smiled. "What are these characteris-

tics very nice to own, but—well, the

but was a large one, and the name of

the trained nurse was not entered on

her list.

The next attraction at the Academy

of Music will, it is said, be "In Old Ken-

tucky," the horsey melodrama that is

said to contain elixirs of nearly every

kind. The melodrama, which was sug-

gested by the Academy, is said to be

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